

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies**

2009 International Summer Research Workshop

*Exploring the Newly Opened ITS Archive
at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum*

International Call for Applications

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies (CAHS) of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) is pleased to invite applications to participate in the second international research workshop for scholars designed to explore the recently opened archival holdings of the International Tracing Service (ITS). The workshop will be held at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum from August 3 to August 14, 2009.

Copies of the ITS archival materials already available at the USHMM include multi-million page collections of (1) concentration camp, deportation, transport, ghetto, and arrest records; (2) forced and slave labor records; (3) 3.2 million original displaced persons registration cards; and (4) the Central Name Index (CNI). Additional collections may arrive before the workshop begins.

The workshop will begin with a survey of these materials, to be followed by small-group in-depth interdisciplinary examination of (1) understudied camps and labor sites; (2) regional and localized utilization of Nazi forced labor; and (3) changing patterns of behavior over time in camps and labor sites from the perspectives of perpetrators, prisoners, laborers, witnesses and labor users.

Scholars who are currently working on research projects relating to one of the above topics are encouraged to apply. Applications are welcome from scholars in a wide range of disciplines including, but not limited to history, political science, literature, Jewish studies, philosophy, psychology, religion, comparative genocide studies, law, and others. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program or be on the faculty or staff of an academic and/or research institution.

At the conclusion of the workshop each group of scholars will present a final report (in English) of initial findings and future research opportunities relating to their topic.

Applications must be submitted in English and include: (1) a 750-word description of the applicant's research project and its relevance to one of the topics listed above; (2) a curriculum vitae; and (3) a supporting letter from a departmental chair, dean, or director of research that addresses the candidate's qualifications and purpose for attending the workshop.

The organizers will provide (1) a \$500 stipend for direct travel to and from each participant's home institution and Washington, DC; (2) lodging for the duration of the workshop; and (3) a \$500 stipend toward the cost of incidental expenses. The stipends will be distributed upon the workshop's conclusion. All participants must attend both weeks of the workshop. Participants will be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas to attend the workshop.

Applications may be submitted via mail or fax, and must be received no later than April 27, 2009. Selections will be announced in writing by May 15, 2009. Applications and questions regarding this program should be addressed to: Dr. Lisa Yavnai, Director, Visiting Scholar Programs, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024; lyavnai@ushmm.org; 202.488.0427 (phone); or 202.479.9726 (fax).

To learn more about past summer research workshops, visit the USHMM website at <http://www.ushmm.org/research/center/workshops/>.

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